

# Hint Details to Free Cubans Worked Out

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## Pair Meet Again

HAVANA, Cuba, Oct. 8 (AP) — James B. Donovan, New York attorney, and Premier Fidel Castro met secretly today to work out what purportedly were final details for the release of 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners in exchange for American food and medicine.

[The Associated Press quoted the Miami News as saying it learned that the 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners will be flown in by seven Pan American World Airways planes, probably today.]

There was no official indication where Donovan and Castro were meeting—their fourth session since Donovan returned to Havana earlier this month from New York—But it was presumed to be at nearby Varadero Beach.

## Former Summer Resort

Varadero, a former luxury summer resort, was the site of their last meeting during the week-end when they talked for seven hours. It was believed they had agreed on a final price figure for the release of the captives, held since April, 1961.

The best speculation was that the price to be paid would approximate the 62 million dollar valuation Castro has placed on the heads of his prisoners. Some cash might be involved in the final payment, but the bulk would be in food and medicine.

Supporting this belief was a statement by Maj. Raul Castro, Cuba's armed forces chief, who told a university audience last night that "if the imperialists want back their mercenaries, they are going to have to pay [the price] for them."

## Flew to Miami

Donovan made no announcement. He was reported trying to charter three jet transports to fly them out of Havana—if and when the barter deal is concluded.

Donovan was reported to have flown from Miami direct to Varadero Beach last night.

## Set Up Facilities

Washington, Oct. 8 (AP) — In Washington and Miami hundreds of persons were at work today setting up facilities to take care of 1,113 Cuban prisoners if and when they are released.

Officials would not be drawn into discussion of whether negotiations to free the captives of the Bay of Pigs invasion have been concluded, but they gave every impression they think the men will be released.

At the health, education, and welfare department, which is administering the 70 million dollar yearly program for Cuban refugee relief, an official said:

"We are getting ready to receive them if they are released. They will be met at the Miami airport, where arrangements have been made for their processing thru quarantine and immigration.

## Plays Important Role

"Once that is done, the regular, established machinery, in which city, county, and state agencies of Florida play a most important role, will get into action.

"We have been processing the refugees from Cuba at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 a week, so we do have machinery already established, and that is going to be of great help, of course. But to handle 1,113 in one day, many perhaps needing medical attention, and all requiring clearance thru quarantine, is going to be a big job."

The official, who asked not to be named, said there are 100,000 Cuban refugees in the Miami area. A program has been under way for many weeks to get them resettled in other parts of the country. The resettlement is progressing at a rapid rate. The refugees are handled for regular assistance.

Officials say about 65,000 Cuban refugees are getting United States government aid. The actual figure is 31,000 cases, but each case usually includes two persons, or more.